



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Colonel H. B. McCarraher III is vice commander, Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools, Maxwell Air Force Base Ala. AFOATS is the single point manager for approximately 17,000 students in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program and 2,500 students in Officer Training School. Additionally, AFOATS controls nearly 80 percent of line, chaplain, judge advocate, nurse, medical service, and biomedical science officer production for the Air Force. They also have oversight of the Air Force Junior ROTC program at more than 744 locations with more than 103,000 students.

Colonel McCarraher entered the Air Force in January 1977 after receiving his commission in April 1976 through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's AFROTC program. He served his first operational tour at Robins AFB as a B-52G Electronic Warfare Officer and Instructor Electronic Warfare Officer. Colonel McCarraher was selected to attend pilot training at Reese AFB and received his pilot's wings in December 1982. He was next assigned to Barksdale AFB where he served as a B-52G copilot, aircraft commander, assistant flight commander, instructor aircraft commander, and standardization and evaluation instructor pilot. In January 1988, he became Strategic Air Command's base programmer at the Pentagon and later served as a member of the initial base closure division charged with creating the Air Force methodology used for its base structure review. In May 1990, Colonel McCarraher was transferred to Headquarters, European Command, Stuttgart, Germany where he served as the plans and program officer for the European theater and later as the executive officer for the Plans and Policy Directorate. He returned to Castle AFB March 1993 where he first requalified in the B-52G and then was assigned as operations officer and later as the squadron commander for the 328th Bomb Squadron. Colonel McCarraher inactivated the squadron 15 June 1994 and coordinated the B-52 FTU transfer to Barksdale AFB. He assumed command and activated the newly formed 11th Bomb Squadron 1 July 1994. Colonel McCarraher attended Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama from July 1996 to June 1997. From July 1997 to June 1999, Colonel McCarraher was Chief, Procedures Branch, Nuclear Operations Division, Directorate for Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, Pentagon, VA. Colonel McCarraher then served as the commander of the 360th Recruiting Group, headquartered at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts from July 1999 to June 2001. In this capacity, he was responsible for all Air Force recruiting activities across 15 northeastern states, District of Columbia, and Europe. In Jun 01, Col McCarraher assumed Vice Commander duties at the 66th Air Base Wing, Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts.



EDUCATION:

- 1976 Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL
- 1979 Squadron Officer School (Correspondence)
- 1985 Air Command and Staff College (Seminar)
- 1991 Joint and Combined Staff Officer School, Norfolk, VA (Residence)
- 1993 Master's degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL
- 1997 Air War College (Residence)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 1977 - March 1978, student, Undergraduate Navigator Training and Electronic Warfare Training, Mather AFB, CA.
2. March 1978 - September 1978, student, B-52G combat crew training, Castle AFB, CA.
3. September 1978 - January 1982, B-52G Electronic Warfare Officer and Instructor Electronic Warfare Officer, 28th Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Wing, Robins Air Force Base, GA.
4. January 1982 - December 1982, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, TX.
5. December 1982 - June 1983, student, B-52G combat crew training, Castle AFB, CA.
6. June 1983 - January 1988, B-52 copilot, standardization and evaluation copilot, aircraft commander, assistant flight commander, instructor aircraft commander, and standardization and evaluation instructor pilot, 62nd Bomb Squadron, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA.
7. January 1988 - May 1990, Strategic Air Command's base programmer (AF/PRPJB), later, initial action officer in the base closure division (AF/PRPJM), Directorate of Programs and Evaluations, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington, DC.
8. May 1990 - March 1993, Plans and Programs officer, ECJ5, Headquarters, European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, later, Executive Officer for Plans and Policy Directorate.
9. March 1993 - January 1994, B-52G requalification, later, served as the Operations Officer, 328th Bomb Squadron, Castle Air Force Base, CA.
10. January 1994 - June 1994, Commander, 328th Bomb Squadron, Castle Air Force Base, CA. The 328th inactivated 15 June 1994 and relocated to Barksdale AFB, LA as the 11th Bomb Squadron.
11. July 1994 - June 1996, Commander, 11th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA.
12. July 1996 - June 1997, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
13. July 1997 - June 1999, Chief, Procedures Branch, Nuclear Operations Division, Joint Staff, Pentagon, VA.
14. July 1999 - June 2001, Commander, 360th Recruiting Group, Hanscom AFB, MA.
15. June 2001 - May 2002, Vice Commander, 66th Air Base Wing, Hanscom AFB, MA.
16. June 2002 - July 2004, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 028, Prescott, AZ.
17. July 2004 - September 2005, Director, Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp, Maxwell AFB, AL.
18. September 2005 - Present, Vice Commander, Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools, Maxwell AFB, AL.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Approximately 3,800

Aircraft Flown: B-52G/H, T-38, and T-37 aircraft.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

- Legion of Merit Medal
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Air Force Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster
- National Defense Service Medal
- Parachutist Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

- Second Lieutenant 23 April 1976
- First Lieutenant 23 October 1978
- Captain 23 October 1980
- Major 1 December 1987

- Lieutenant Colonel 1 December 1992
- Colonel 1 January 1998

(Current as of Dec 2005)